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Bill of health.

UNITED STATES MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
OFFICE QUARANTINE OFFICER,
Havana, Cuba, ———, 1899.

I certify that the ——— of ——— leaves this port for ———
in ——— cargo, ballast, empty, with ——— crew all told and ——— passengers

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she arrived from ——— on ——— 1899, and lay at ——— a ——— place.
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*Number of cases and deaths from the following-named diseases during the past two weeks,
ending ——— 1899.*

Diseases.	Number of cases.	Number of deaths.	REMARKS.
			(Any condition affecting the public health existing in the port of departure or vicinity to be here stated.)
Yellow fever.....			
Asiatic cholera.....			
Cholera nostras or cholerine....			
Smallpox.....			
Typhus.....			
Plague.....			
Relapsing fever.....			

Quarantine Officer, U. S. M. H. S.

Quarantine of southern coast of Cuba against Santiago.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *July 19, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report regarding the quarantine of the south coast towns against Santiago:

As reported in my letters of July 1 and July 10 inspection of all vessels from Cuban ports, bringing passengers, has been carried out, and baggage of Santiago passengers has been disinfected. Owing to the fact that ports between here and Manzanillo, at which the Menendez boats stopped, had no officer or representative of our Service, it was not practicable to reasonably do more than I have done. On July 15 and 16 I received telegrams from Major Ives, chief surgeon, U. S. A., of this province, stating that General Wilson requested quarantine officers to be placed at Tunas and Casilda. The matter was referred by me to Surgeon Carter who wired reply that south coast of Puerto Principe and Santa Clara was my province and to appoint the men. I would state that no information on this subject has come to me from the Bureau but the urgency of the case required action which I would ask that the Bureau approve. I thought at first to take a small tug to Casilda and Tunas and charter a sailboat to go from there to Jucaro and Santa Cruz, returning on the next Menendez boat, but afterwards decided to write and wire to the collectors of customs at the 4 ports in question, viz, Santa Cruz, Jucaro, Tunas, and Casilda, requesting them to nominate to me a good physician to act as temporary quarantine officer.

I have sent instructions by wire or mail to these ports through col-

lectors. I inclose a copy of instructions mailed. You will see that the certificate idea is to allow only immunes or nonexposed persons to come to any of these ports and to identify passengers from clean ports.

I have requested Assistant Surgeon Parker that the required certificates be issued at Santiago and Manzanillo to those entitled to them; each person will then have to have a certificate to land and those without certificates will be carried on to Batabano. This will, I think, be effective if properly carried out.

Respectfully, yours,

S. B. GRUBBS,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *July 19, 1899.*

SIR: I have to inform you that I have nominated you to be temporary quarantine officer, United States Marine-Hospital Service, at the port of Trinidad (Casilda), to date from July 15 at a salary of \$75 per month. * * * I send you by this mail some blanks to be issued to passengers coming from your port on the Menendez line. They need not be issued to those coming on the Independiente. The instructions are misleading, but are intended to apply only to passengers boarding vessels that have come from Santiago or Manzanillo, at present I believe only the Menendez boat. The object of this certificate plan is to shut out nonimmune Santiago passengers and to avoid delaying passengers from noninfected ports.

Respectfully, yours,

S. B. GRUBBS,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Dr. ALEJANDRO CANTERO, *Casilda, Cuba.*

Sanitary report from Cienfuegos—Quarantine of southern coast.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *July 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Bureau letter of the 15th instant, instructing me to exercise quarantine supervision over all the ports on the southern coast of the provinces of Santa Clara and Puerto Principe.

As reported in my letter of the 19th instant, I had already taken certain steps toward the protection of the 4 other ports in this district, and can now report that all preliminary steps have been taken, and that the final adjustments will be made as soon as another officer comes here and I can visit the ports in person.

The difficulties on account of poor communication and no available physicians at Tunas and Jucaro have been considerable. Jucaro is an unimportant place, being only a subport in the Customs Service, but is important to us because the coastwise boat stops there. When I got word that there was no physician at this place, I sent my office messenger off on the weekly boat that was leaving in a few hours, to act as a sanitary guard. He will allow only certified passengers to land and will give identification certificates to those embarking on west-bound boats, but will, of course, make no inspections. This is intended for a temporary measure, but I doubt if this port requires more than such a guard.

For Tunas I nominated Dr. Francisco Ravello, of Cienfuegos, to be temporary quarantine officer, and had him assist in the work of the last steamer here from Santiago before he went to his station.

At Santa Cruz and Casilda I have nominated the men recommended by the collectors of customs at those ports. I have forwarded all these nominations to the Bureau in another letter.